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HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT
in the
Administrative County of West Suffolk.

A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
including the report of the
SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for the year
1966

March, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Hadleigh Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year, 1966.

There has again been an increase in the population. The birthrate remains higher than the National average and the death rate remains low.

The incidence of infectious diseases was very low for most of the year, but an outbreak of measles occurred in the last quarter of the year, affecting many children. Although the majority of children recover rapidly from Measles, the illness does cause troublesome complications in some, and also, during a large outbreak, causes dislocation of school work and involves extra calls for family doctors.

The recently developed live vaccine for measles immunisation, if given to a large enough number of susceptible children of 2 years old and over, will virtually eliminate this childhood illness from the population.

I wish to thank Mr. D.W.A. Vince, the Chairman, Mr. T.B.J. Groves, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all other members of the Council for their consideration to me during the year.

I am grateful also to Mr. Townsend, the Clerk to the Council, Mr. Panks, the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and all other officers of the Council for their help and advice.

Your obedient servant,

E. KINNEAR,

Medical Officer of Health.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1966.

Councillor T.B.J. Groves, (Chairman)

- " J.A. Ashard.
- " K.P. Boulton.
- " S.C. Brown, J.P.
- " G.W. Clark.
- " J.F. Cook.
- " P.J. Dunn, M.A.
- " R.J. Goodwin, M.A.
- " Mrs. E.M. Green.
- " D.W.A. Vince, J.P.

Councillor D.W.A. Vince, J.P. is Chairman of the
Hadleigh Urban District Council.

Councillor P.J. Dunn, M.A. is Vice-Chairman.

Clerk to the Council - Mr. W.J. Townsend.

S E C T I O N A

GENERAL STATISTICS.

(Figures in brackets relate to the previous year.)

Area of the District		4,317 acres.
Rateable Value.	£116,590.	(£101,763.)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£513.17.11d.	(£456.18. 1d.)
Number of inhabited houses.	1,588.	1,516.
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	4,430	(3,660.)

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	97 (85)	58 (44)	39 (41)
Illegitimate.	3 (1)	1 (-)	2 (1)
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Total:-	100 (86)	59 (44)	41 (42)
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Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	22.5	(25.1)
(adjusted) Area Comparability Factor	1.0	(1.07)
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	17.7	(18.0)
Illegitimate birth rate.	3.0%	(1.1%)

Stillbirths.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	- (3)	- (2)	- (1)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total.	- (3)	- (2)	- (1)
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Deaths.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	42 (51)	23 (32)	19 (19)
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (adjusted)	9.9	(13.4)	
Area Comparability Factor	1.06	(0.96)	
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	11.7	(11.5)	
Deaths from Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion.	Nil.	(Nil.)	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	(Nil.)	

Infant Mortality. Number of deaths of infants under one year of age.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	2 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
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Total.	2 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)
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Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	20.0	(Nil.)
Infant Mortality rate England & Wales.	19.0	(19.0)

Causes of Death (Cont'd).

Hypertension with heart disease.	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Other heart diseases.	5 (8)	3 (1)	2 (7)
Other circulatory diseases.	- (4)	- (3)	- (1)
Influenza.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Pneumonia.	- (-)		
Bronchitis.	2 (4)	2 (4)	- (-)
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	- (-)		
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Nephritis and nephrosis.	- (-)		
Hyperplasia of prostate.	- (-)		
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion.	- (-)		
Congenital malformations.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	2 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)
Motor vehicle accidents.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
All other accidents.	1 (1)	- (1)	1 (-)
Suicide.	- (-)		
Homicide and operations of war.	- (-)		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

(Registrar-General's Figures.)

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
All Causes.	42 (51)	23 (32)	19 (19)
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	- (-)		
Tuberculosis, other.	- (-)		
Syphilitic disease.	- (-)		
Diphtheria.	- (-)		
Whooping Cough.	- (-)		
Meningococcal infections.	- (-)		
Acute Poliomyelitis.	- (-)		
Measles.	- (-)		
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	- (-)		
Malignant neoplasms - stomach.	2 (2)	- (1)	2 (1)
Malignant neoplasms - Lung bronchus.	1 (3)	- (3)	1 (-)
Malignant neoplasms - breast.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Malignant neoplasms - uterus.	- (1)		- (1)
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	4 (6)	3 (3)	1 (3)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
Diabetes.	- (-)		
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	11 (6)	7 (2)	4 (4)
Coronary disease - angina.	6 (12)	4 (11)	2 (1)

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S E C T I O N B.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The following notifications were made to the Medical Officer of Health, during 1966.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	3 (-)	2 (-)	1 (-)
Measles.	90 (30)	45 (19)	45 (11)
Pneumonia (ac. primary)	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
Food Poisoning.	4 (-)	2 (-)	2 (-)
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, other.	- (-)		

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1966.

The food poisoning was a family outbreak of Salmonellosis. It ~~involved~~ the closing of a cafe' for a short time and it's reopening after disinfection with staff whose tests had proved negative. Some compensation was paid by the Council. We received the fullest co-operation from the family who were put to considerable inconvenience by this infection. The carrier state persisted in one child for 27 weeks.

Deaths from Infectious Diseases (including Tuberculosis but
excluding other respiratory infections) Nil (Nil)

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
<u>Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms (all types)</u>		21.4%	(25.4%)
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	9 (13)	4 (8)	5 (5)
<u>Deaths from Chest Infections and Respiratory Diseases.</u> (All types except neoplasms)		9.7%	(7.8%)
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	4 (4)	3 (4)	1 (-)
<u>Deaths from Heart and Circulatory Diseases (including strokes.)</u>		57.1%	(62.7%)
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	24 (32)	15 (18)	9 (14)
<u>Deaths from Accident and Violence.</u>		4.8%	(1.9%)
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (-)

S E C T I O N C

1. Public Health Staff.

Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health, who also serves
other districts.

E.A. Panks, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Surveyor and
Senior Public Health Inspector.

Mr. R. Readfern, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Deputy Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

2. Ambulance Facilities.

The West Suffolk County Council is responsible
for the ambulance service.

3. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home Nursing
and Midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

4. Child Welfare Centre.

The West Suffolk County Council provides one centre,
held weekly on Mondays at 2 p.m., in the Congregational
Hall, Market Place, Hadleigh.

The health visitor, Miss D. Wilding, who works in
Hadleigh and the surrounding rural area, attends
weekly. The Medical Officer of Health attends on
the first and third Mondays in each month.

5. Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road East,
Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. P.K. Frazer,
has given generous assistance and advice.

Water samples for chemical analysis are submitted to
Messrs. Lincolne, Sutton and Wood, Ltd., Clarence House,
6 Clarence Road, Norwich.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

Removal of suitable premises of persons in need of care and
protection.

No action was taken during 1966.

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AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

The mains water supply used in the Hadleigh Urban District is supplied by the West Suffolk Water Board who maintained a very adequate and wholesome supply throughout the year. Complaints were received from some householders of discolouration of the water at times. Samples taken on every occasion proved to be bacteriologically satisfactory.

Hadleigh Urban District Council staff carried out water main extensions on behalf of the West Suffolk Water Board to housing sites and the Council's Industrial Estate.

Water Samples taken - 13

Sewage Disposal

The Brett Sewage Works have now been operational for over a year and in the main have been functioning very well with a satisfactory final effluent discharge to the River Brett, samples of the final effluent having been taken for analysis by the staff of the Essex River Authority.

Some trouble has been encountered with the method of sludge drying especially in periods of wet weather in that the sludge drying beds have inadequate underdrainage and it is apparent that some improved method of underdrainage will have to be incorporated.

Cleansing Services

House and trade refuse is collected by direct labour and tipped in a disused pit at Red Hill, adjacent the Hadleigh - Aldham boundary.

The vehicles employed on the collection of refuse are being taxed to their limit and it is obvious that a new and larger capacity vehicle is urgently required if the service is to continue satisfactorily and economically.

The paper sack system of collection has been extended and has been a main factor in assisting the continued smooth running of this service in spite of the ever growing rate of house building in the district.

The few septic tanks and cesspools in the more remote unsewered parts of the district are emptied on a rechargeable basis by arrangement with the Cosford Rural District Council to whom we are indebted for this service.

Street scavenging was carried out throughout the district, again with some little difficulty due to staffing problems.

Caravan and Camping Sites

There are no holiday camping sites in the district. The small number of individual sites licensed on a year to year basis were found to be maintained in a satisfactory manner.

Public Health and Housing Acts

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and the following is a record of the routine work carried out:

(i) Housing Acts

Number of houses inspected for defects	...	...	...	54
Subsequent inspection of the houses	...	...	...	55
Houses rendered fit by informal action	...	...	...	7
Houses rendered fit by statutory action	...	...	...	-
Houses found to be totally unfit	...	...	...	14
Houses demolished .	...	...	...	-
Closing Orders	...	...	...	5
Undertakings from owner not to relet	...	...	...	9
Improvement grants - Standard	...	...	...	8
Improvement grants - Discretionary .	...	...	...	7
Stock of Council owned dwellings	...	...	...	503
Total number of post war houses	...	...	...	416
Total number of prefabs	...	...	...	10
Total number of pre war houses	...	...	...	77
Total number of dwellings acquired .	...	...	...	-

(ii) Public Health Act, 1936

Informal notices issued .	...	...	...	...	7
Informal notices complied with	...	...	...	...	7
Statutory notices issued	...	...	...	...	-

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(i) Meat Inspection

There is one licensed slaughterhouse within the Urban District where slaughtering takes place to supply meat for sale at the butcher's own shop.

Due to butchering staff difficulties, slaughtering has been limited to approximately six months during the current year.

Number of visits to slaughterhouse 47.

Carcases inspected

<u>Calves</u>	<u>Bovine (other than calves)</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	31	142	16	193

(ii) Other Food Inspection

Routine inspections of food premises have been carried out during the year.

Some contraventions of the Food Hygiene regulations were discovered at one cafe and due to lack of co-operation from the proprietor some weeks passed by before the defects were remedied.

Another cafe was closed for a short period due to an outbreak of food poisoning (see report of M.O.H.)

Registration of Food Premises

No applications were received for registration of food preserving premises.

No. of food preserving premises registered	8
No. of ice cream retailers registered	1

Food Business in the District

Butchers	5
Bakery Sales	1
Grocers	10
Greengrocers	3
Fishmongers	3
Fish & Chip Shops	3
Confectioners	6
Catering premises	4
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During the year 57 visits were made to food premises.

Food Condemned

During the year 3 x 6 lbs. tins of corned beef and 11 x 4 lbs. tin pork luncheon meat were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

Milk

There is no raw milk sold in the Urban District, all milk being heat treated and bottled before delivery to the retailers for distribution.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Routine inspections were carried out during the year when conditions relevant to the parts of the Factories Act the enforcement of which are the responsibility of the Urban District Council, were found to be mainly satisfactory. Any contraventions found were only minor and were satisfactorily attended to immediately by the management of the premises concerned when their attention was drawn to the matters.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	38	40	-
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	39	41	-

Cases in which defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector</u>
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)			
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-
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3. Outwork

One resident in the district was employed as an out worker. Conditions were satisfactory.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Surveyor and
Public Health Inspector's Department

Building Byelaw and Regulations	483
Town and Country Planning Acts	125
Drain tests	94
Industrial Estate	130
Council house maintenance & Control	221
Housing Acts	110
Public Health Acts	158
Improvement Grants	98
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Acts	96
Clean Air Act	2
Schools	12
Petroleum Regulations	43
Sewage Works	71
Rodent Control	92
Factory Inspections	41
Cemetery	62
Miscellaneous Visits	220
	<u>2,058</u>

